

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The disposable scalpel of claim 1,~~

A disposable surgical scalpel comprising:

a blade for cutting skin or body parts in a surgical operation;

a blade-fixing member to which a rear end of the blade is integrally fixed  
such that the blade can reciprocate together with the blade-fixing member; and

a handle disposed enclosing the blade-fixing member such that the  
blade fixed on the blade-fixing member can be completely projected out of and  
inserted into the handle; and

wherein the blade-fixing member comprises:

a body to which the blade is integrally coupled;

a reciprocal motion aid member coupled on a top rear end of the  
body, the reciprocal motion aid member having a free front end and a rear  
fixed end by which the free front end is elastically biased upwards; and

a pushing portion protruded from a top surface of the reciprocal  
motion aid member, a user's finger contacting the pushing portion to  
reciprocate the blade-fixing member;

a first fixing projection protruded from the top surface of the reciprocal motion aid member at a front side of the pushing portion to fix the blade-fixing member at a location where the blade is projected out of the handle; and

a second fixing projection protruded from the top surface of the reciprocal motion aid member at a rear side of the pushing portion to fix the blade-fixing member at a location where the blade is inserted into the handle.

3. (Currently Amended) The disposable surgical scalpel of claim 2, wherein the handle ~~comprising~~ comprises:

a main body defining a cavity for receiving the blade-fixing member, the main body being provided at a front end with a blade passing opening through which the sharp blade can be projected out and inserted in;

a separation-preventing plate fixed on a side portion of the main body to prevent the blade-fixing member receiving in the cavity from being separated;

a reciprocating motion aid slot formed on a top surface of the main body to obtain a moving distance of the pushing portion of the reciprocating motion aid member and to thereby allow the blade-fixing member to move at a predetermined distance;

a first fixing groove with which the first fixing projection is interlocked

when the sharp blade is projected out of the handle by a forward movement of the blade-fixing member, the first fixing groove being formed on a front side of the reciprocating motion aid slot; and

a second fixing groove with which the second fixing projection is interlocked when the sharp blade is inserted in the handle by a rearward movement of the blade-fixing member, the first fixing groove being formed on a rear side of the reciprocating motion aid slot.